



# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### MD-8 North Fork Has Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results taken this year showed arsenic levels ranging from 12.7 to 15.4  $\mu\text{g/l}$ . MCL. This is above the U.S. EPA standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10  $\mu\text{g/l}$ .

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk to getting cancer.*

#### What happened? What is being done?

We are working with the County Environmental Health Department and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to correct the problem. We have applied for State Revolving Fund (SRF) for grants or low interest loans. We are currently waiting for their decision. In May 2009, we were informed that the application was going through legal review and the funding would be 80% grant and 20% loan. In on going discussions with them the solutions that they are likely to fund range from drilling a new well to treatment of the existing water supply. We will need your involvement and approval prior to moving forward with a solution. Finding a cost effective and reliable solution is our top priority.

For more information, please contact the Special District's Office at (559) 675-7820 or at 2037 W. Cleveland Ave., Madera, CA 93637. You may also find useful information on this topic at the EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic/basicinformation.html>

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS: Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property

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Respectfully,



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